

REMARKS

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, applicants elect Group I, claims 1-11, drawn to a method, without traverse. (The group is listed as claims 2-11 in the Official Action; it is assumed that 1-11 is in fact intended.)

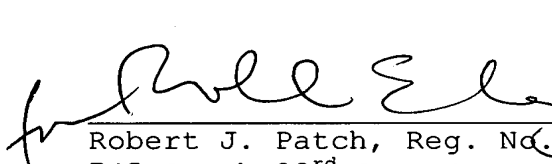
Non-elected claims 12-16, drawn to a clasp, are canceled herewith, but may be made the subject of a divisional application, to be filed at any time during the pendency of the present application.

An action on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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